

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 9-12 have been amended to delete language missing from claim 1 to promote consistency between the claims. Since claim 1 was found allowable without this language, and claims 9-12 correspond to claim 1, no new issues have been raised by this amendment. Furthermore, additional claims have been canceled, and this also fails to raise new issues. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

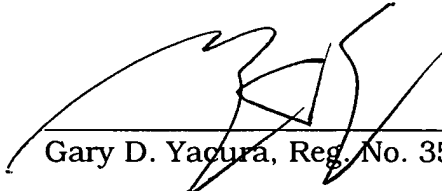
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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